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**MESSAGE:**

Dear Examiner Elhilo:

Further to a telephonic interview on January 15, 2003, enclosed is a copy Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal, the fees for each of which are to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-916, along with a Supplemental Request for Reconsideration pursuant to your request. If you have any questions please call Anthony Tridico at 011 322 643 7025 or Jill MacAlpine at (202) 408-4105.

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED

Attorney Docket No. 5725.0634  
Application No. 09/809,009  
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In re Application of: )  
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Jean-Marc ASCIONE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
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Application No.: 09/809,009 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
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Filed: March 16, 2001 )  
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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
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ASSOCIATIVE POLYMERS AND )  
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THEIR USE FOR STABILIZATION )  
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OF AN OXIDIZING SOLUTION )

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Following the telephonic interview with Examiner Elhilo on January 15, 2003,  
and pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants respectfully request  
reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the  
telephonic interview with Applicants' representatives, Jill MacAlpine and Anthony  
Tridico.

As emphasized in Applicants' previous responses and as discussed during  
the interview, the compositions recited in the pending claims comprise, *inter alia*, at

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least one additional anionic associative polymer comprising at least one carboxylic acid group and at least one ester derived from an alkoxylated fatty alcohol and a carboxylic acid. In contrast to the statements in the Advisory Action dated November 1, 2002, this additional anionic associative polymer is not disclosed in either '295 or '195. As neither '295 nor '195 teach or suggest this polymer, the proposed combination of '295 and '195 cannot teach or suggest all of limitations of the present claims.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants maintain that this rejection is in error and respectfully request its withdrawal.

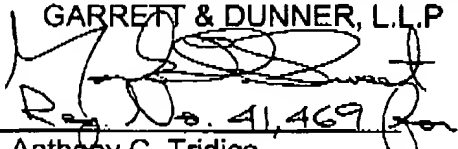
## **II. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 required to enter this response and charge those additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-916.

Respectfully submitted,

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